(a) the schemes for the expansion of Food Processing Industries in the State of Karnataka which are presently in the process of execution, scheme-wise;

(b) by when each one is likely to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay for those pending for over one year after the time stipulated for completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas for 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of food processing industries in the country. During the last five years, a total of 191 applications from food processing units were received and 64 were approved for grant in respect of the State of Karnataka. The grants from this Ministry are released in two instalments. The first instalment is released after the implementing agency has utilized 50% of their contribution and 50% of Term Loan availed. Final instalment is released on full utilization of promoter contribution and Term loan and after unit has started commercial production. The Ministry processes applications for financial assistance and sanctions grants under various Plan Schemes on the basis of the applicant units fulfilling the required criteria and furnishing of relevant documents. Delay in receipt of require documents/information from the applicant units is one of the major reasons for delay in approval of projects and release of sanctioned grant.

Supreme Court's stay on reservation

3354. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has stayed the law providing 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in higher education;

(b) if so, whether the verdict cause impediments in the prospects of higher education for the OBC sections;

(c) whether Government are contemplating constitutional measures for the implementation of the 93rd Amendment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is *sub-judice* in the Supreme Court of India.

RTI Act in school curriculum

3355. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed the inclusion of the Right to Information (RTI) Act as a subject in school curriculum in all Government and public/private schools of the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this respect; and

(c) the time-frame within which it is likely to be implemented in school text books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, right to information is part of Social Science curriculum under the National Curriculum Framework, 2005.

Representation from teachers' association

†3356. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation/ memorandum from Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) during the last three years regarding their demands;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.